## **Budget Overview of Salmon Recovery**

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### 15 Endangered and Threatened Salmon and Trout Listings Affect 75% of the State



#### What is the Goal of Salmon Recovery?

- State Goal
  - Restore populations to healthy and harvestable levels
  - Improve fish habitats
- Federal Goal
  - Not yet determined
  - Set during the Recovery Planning process

### Legislative Action Has Directed Salmon Recovery Planning

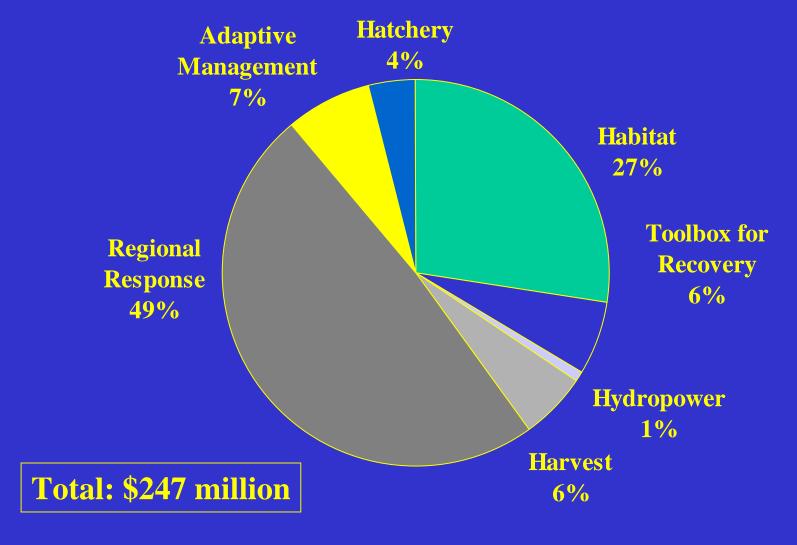
### **1998**

- Salmon Recovery Act (HB 2496)
- Watershed Planning (HB 2514)

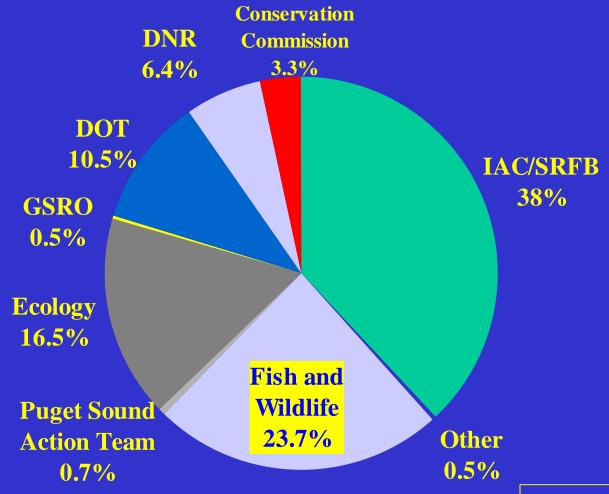
### <u> 1999</u>

- Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SB 5595)
- Forest and Fish Agreement (HB 2091)

### 1999-01 Salmon Recovery Funding Emphasizes SRFB Grants and Habitat

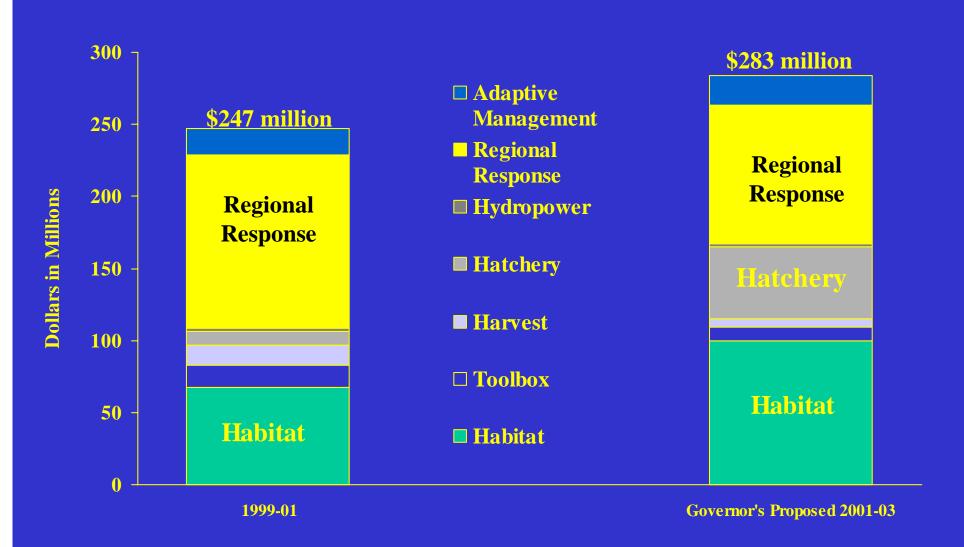


### 1999-01 Salmon Recovery Funding Primarily Flows Through 3 Agencies

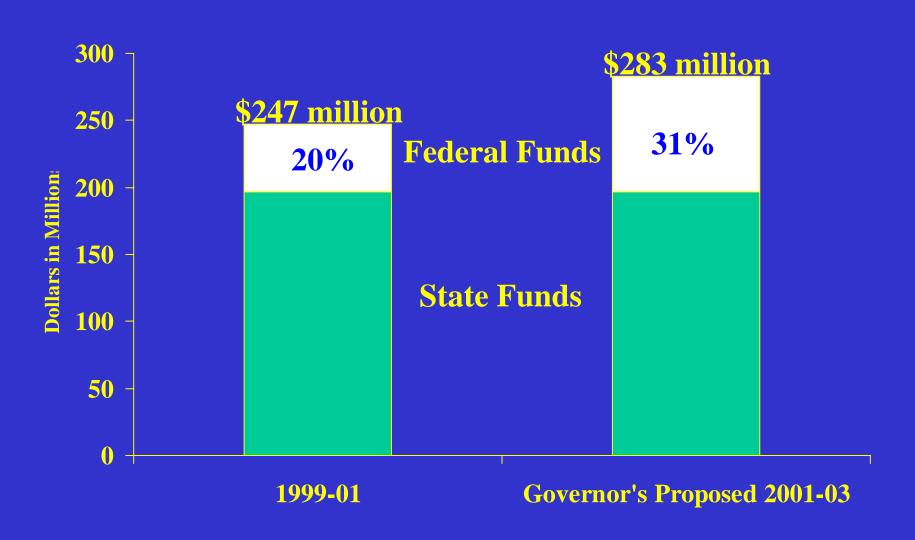


Total: \$247 million

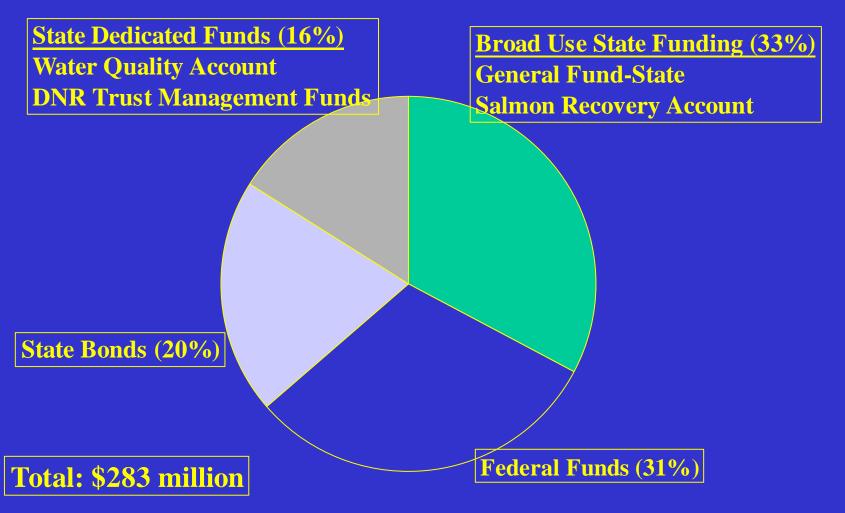
### Habitat and Hatchery Funding Has Increased in the Governor's Proposed 2001-03 Budget



### Federal Funding Is Increasingly Important to the State's Salmon Recovery Efforts



### One-Third of the Governor's Proposed 2001-03 Salmon Recovery Funding Is From the General Fund or other Broad Use Funds



#### **Independent Science Panel Has Found:**

#### **Extinction is Not an Option:**

"is a disjointed collection of partial measures"

#### **Obstacles to Success:**

- Lack of clearly articulated goals and objectives
- Lack of an integrated strategy to effectively address the causes of salmon decline
- Lack of effective, coordinated monitoring program focused on recovery objectives

# Governor's Proposed 2001-03 Salmon Recovery Budget Enhances Monitoring and Evaluation Activities

Natural Resource Data Pool

- \$1.8 million
- Data Management Coordinator
- \$199,000
- Statewide Monitoring Strategy
- \$500,000

#### **Work Session Presenters**

- Bill Ruckelshaus, Salmon Recovery Funding Board
- Ken Currens, Independent Science Panel
- Jeff Breckel, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
- Jeff Koenings, Department of Fish and Wildlife